partition. The grounds upon which this bill was filed were that as Rufus+A.McLane and his son, Harry O.McLane, and his daughter, Helen Stull McLane, had all died intestate that this property now in dispute descended to and veted in the complainants by virtue of the act to direct descents in Maryland; and although Rufus A.McLane had in his lifetime purchased from his brothers and sisters all their interest in this property, the Court in its opinion declared that by reason of the intestacy of the three last owners of the property, the title thereto turned back to these same brothers and sisters, And that the complainants were entitled to the property as tenants in common, subject to the dower interest therein of Mrs.Georgianna Stull McLane. During all the eighteen or more years that Mrs.Georgianna Stull McLane occupied the premises with her mother-in-law, Mrs.Margaret J.McLane, she had no other idea but that upon the death of her little daughter the property became hers adsolutely. She paid the taxes on it and kept the property in repair and treated and regarded it as her own, not being at all aware of the method by which the title would be turned back to the Great Uncles and Aunts of her little daughter, Heien Stull McLane.

When the Court rendered its decision she fell as if she were being robbed of her rights by some Mysterious process of the law, and she so stated to different persons whith whom she came in contact that she had been robbed of her property. She tild a good many times, to persons whom she talked to about it, that she was being robbed and that she was going to buy the property if it was not run up to high.

The only person that she approached on the day of the sale, according to the evidence, was Theodore Alexander, who was sitting in front of the door of Justice of the Peace Johnson, whose office is across the Courthouse Square from the Courthouse steps where the property was sold. She approached him about "an hour and a half hour "before the sale and they afree in the main as to what was said, Mr. Alexander states what she said as follows; "Is your name Alexander? You buy houses. Are you interested in this place? Rhis is my home. I have lived there a long time. The lawyers in this case—the lawyers are trying to rob me of my house. In some cases the law punishes robbers but in this case it seems as though it protects them", to which he replied "If you look at it that way you wan't be bothered by me". Mr. Alexander further testified that she also said "I would like to ask you, to bid against me". This she denies in her testimony, and as the burden is upon the exceptants to prove the facts of the conversation, that part of the testimony is not established; but she did tell him it was the home in which she had liked a long time, and that the lawyers were trying to rob her of her home.

During the progress of the sale another person who was present, Mr. Harry Nixdorff, testified that a lady came over to him and said, "Do you know the widow is being robbed?"; but that lady was not Mrs. McLane. Mr. Elmer Ray testified that some gentleman, told him that "she has her interest in it and her life estate as long as she lives" and Ray replied "if that is the case I am done". As a matter of fact the property was being sold subject to the widow's right of dower and that statement was strictly true. Mr Ray further testified that "I Then went to the auctioneer and asked him if it was true and he said "yes" and I said "Well I am done". so that the only person that Mrs. Mo-Land approached on the day of sale in regard to the property was Mr. Alexander, "an hour or half an hour" before the sale and teld him she was being robbed by the lawyers.

The sale had been advertised in the usual way for three successive weeks and the sale was held at the Court house door any one and every one who desired could attend and did according to his idea of the value of the property with the widow's dower retained therein. Mr. Alexander and his wife seem to have bought together several properties prior to the day of the sale, and Mrs. Mo land told him that it was her home for a great many years and the lawyers were trying to rob her of it.

It seems to me that that is the entire extent of her attempting to chill the bidding. Her declarations to various persons whom she met that she was being robbed was the widow's wail which came from the hart. The opinion in the case concerning the title has been published in the newspapers several weeks before the day of sale and the circumstances of the case were known generally